

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A host computer and a fiber channel switch portion are connected with an optical fiber cable through respective fiber channel interfaces. Likewise, the fiber channel switch portion and FC drives are connected with respective optical fiber cables through respective fiber channel interfaces. A controlling portion and the FC drives are connected with respective RS-232C cables. Alias WWNNs and alias WWPNS of the FC drives are assigned by the controlling portion through respective RS-232C cables. Data reproduced by the FC drives 32 and 33 and data supplied thereto are transmitted and received to and from the host computer through for example respective optical fiber cables.